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Editorial

Solid state chemistry of energy-related materials

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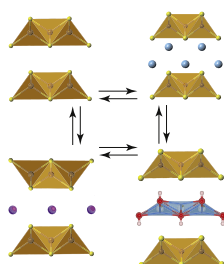
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Regular Articles

The intercalation chemistry of layered iron chalcogenide superconductors

Hector K. Vivanco and Efrain E. Rodriguez

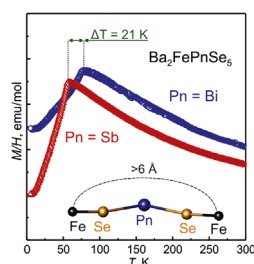
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Synthesis, crystal structure, and magnetic properties of quaternary iron selenides: Ba₂FePnSe₅ (Pn=Sb, Bi)

Jian Wang, Joshua T. Greenfield and Kirill Kovnir

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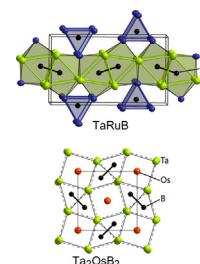
In Ba₂FeSbSe₅ and Ba₂FeBiSe₅ the magnetic interactions between Fe³⁺ centers, which are at least 6 Å apart from each other, are mediated by superexchange interactions.

Regular Articles—Continued

New ternary tantalum borides containing boron dumbbells: Experimental and theoretical studies of Ta₂OsB₂ and TaRuB

Mohammed Mbarki, Rachid St. Touzani, Christian W.G. Rehorn, Fabian C. Gladisch and Boniface P.T. Fokwa

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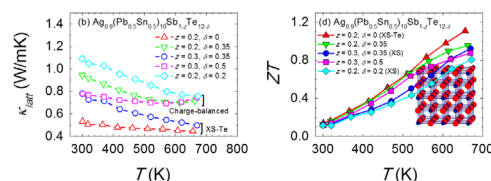


The two new ternary tantalum borides, Ta₂OsB₂ and TaRuB, have been discovered. Their crystal structures contain boron dumbbells, which are the strongest bonds. Peirls distortion is found responsible for Os₂-dumbbells formation in Ta₂OsB₂. Ta₂OsB₂ and TaRuB are Pauli paramagnet and potential superconductors.

Thermoelectric properties of p-type Ag_{1-x}(Pb_{1-y}Sn_y)_mSb_{1-z}Te_{m+2}

Kyunghan Ahn, Huijun Kong, Ctirad Uher and Mercouri G. Kanatzidis

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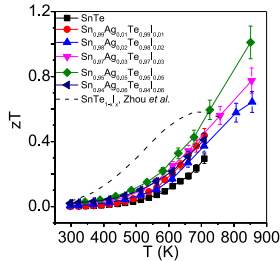
The Ag_{1-x}(Pb_{1-y}Sn_y)_mSb_{1-z}Te_{m+2} system defines a complex and flexible class of tunable thermoelectric class of materials with high performance.

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AgI alloying in SnTe boosts the thermoelectric performance via simultaneous valence band convergence and carrier concentration optimization

Ananya Banik and Kanishka Biswas

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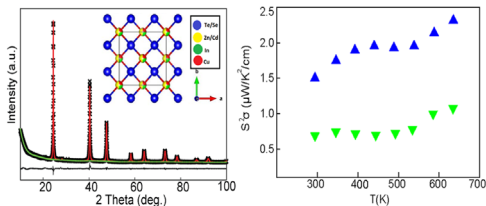


Significant decrease in hole concentration and reduction of the energy separation between light and heavy hole valence bands resulted in a maximum thermoelectric figure of merit, zT, of ~1.05 at 860 K in high quality crystalline ingot of p-type Sn_{0.95}Ag_{0.05}Te_{0.95}I_{0.05}.

Synthesis, crystal structure and electrical properties of the tetrahedral quaternary chalcogenides CuM₂InTe₄ (M=Zn, Cd)

George S. Nolas, M. Shafiq Hassan, Yongkwan Dong and Joshua Martin

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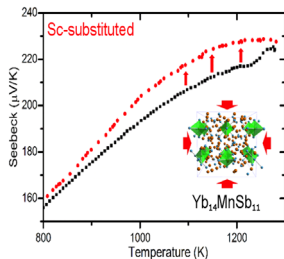


The structural, optical and electrical properties of the quaternary chalcogenides CuZn₂InTe₄ and CuCd₂InTe₄ are reported for the first time. The unique crystal structure allows for relatively good electrical transports and therefore potential for thermoelectric applications.

Effects of Sc and Y substitution on the structure and thermoelectric properties of Yb₁₄MnSb₁₁

Jason H. Grebenkemper, Sebastian Klemenzen, Barbara Albert, Sabah K. Bux and Susan M. Kauzlarich

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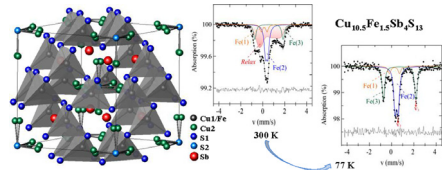


Chemical pressure of the Sc substituted Yb₁₄MnSb₁₁ provides a viable method for enhancing the Seebeck coefficient.

Role of iron in synthetic tetrahedrites revisited

Daria I. Nasonova, Igor A. Presniakov, Alexei V. Sobolev, Valeriy Yu. Verchenko, Alexander A. Tsirlin, Zheng Wei, Evgeny V. Dikarev and Andrei V. Shevelkov

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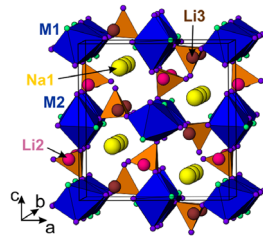


Synthetic iron-containing tetrahedrites, Cu_{12-x}Fe_xSb₄S₁₃, display a variable valence state and role of iron. At low iron content two nonequivalent and non-interacting Fe³⁺ cations occur. At higher levels of substitution, room-temperature Mössbauer spectra indicate the electron hopping between part of Fe³⁺ and Fe²⁺ centers, which freezes out upon cooling down to 77 K, whereas the rest of iron atoms exists as valence-localized Fe³⁺ and Fe²⁺ cations.

Synthesis, structure and electrochemical properties of LiNaCo_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}PO₄F fluoride-phosphate

Stanislav S. Fedotov, Sergey M. Kuzovchikov, Nellie R. Khasanova, Oleg A. Drozhzhin, Dmitriy S. Filimonov, Olesia M. Karakulina, Joke Hadermann, Artem M. Abakumov and Evgeny V. Antipov

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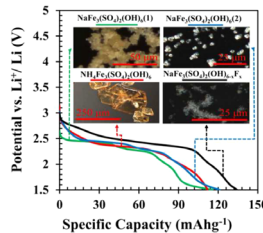


The ball-polyhedral representation of the LiNaCo_{0.5}Fe_{0.5}PO₄F crystal structure. The MO₄F₂ units are depicted as blue octahedra, PO₄ units as orange tetrahedra, sodium atoms are designated as yellow (Na1), lithium – red and brown (Li2, Li3 resp.), fluorine – green, oxygen – violet spheres.

Kagomé lattices as cathode: Effect of particle size and fluoride substitution on electrochemical lithium insertion in sodium- and ammonium Jarosites

Prashanth Sandineni, Hooman Yaghoobnejad Asl and Amitava Choudhury

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Discharge capacity of jarosite phases as a function of particle size and fluoride substitution.

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